



# THE SERVER

HE has said: "When the world is ready by your work, I shall come."—C. Jinarajadasa.

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## ADDRESS BY MR. ARUNDALE

TO THE STAR CONFERENCE IN INDIA

I suppose that probably I am as old a member of this particular Order as any one here in the hall. And though I must quite candidly confess that I am not active especially in what may be called the Order of the Star in the East work proper, I am closely connected with its organization. Nevertheless, I think that I can say with my whole heart that there is no more inspiring movement than the Order of the Star in the East. To me in my daily life in whatever occupation I am engaged—of course, as you know, I am supposed to be working along the line of Education and here again I will make a clear, candid confession of the fact that so far as I am concerned the particular kind of work in which I am engaged is the work that suits me better than any other work. But when I think of the motive which inspires me to do it and of the way in which I may be able to work out the details of the activities—Educational—in which I am engaged, I feel absolutely certain that the motive is the idea of the coming of a great World-Teacher. Without exaggerating, never a day passes but I remember that the work I am doing is either helping the coming of a great World-Teacher or possibly if it is not very good work, shall I say, hindering Him, and especially when I think of the work of Training of Teachers which is my specific activity. At the present moment we have about twenty-five young men in the Training Department of the National University. Many of them will finish in April next. In helping them to be the kind of Teachers required, I may perhaps be useful to the great World-Teacher when He comes. Indirectly my whole life is full of the idea of the coming of the Great World-Teacher. I hope there is no one in this hall who does not feel as I do.

It would be extremely desirable to think of giving something or other. I feel that a certain amount of income produced should be reverentially set aside for the work of preparation. When you go back to your homes

you should help in the propagation of the idea of the coming of a great World-Teacher. Each one should dedicate himself to the giving of a certain proportion of his earnings. It is the spirit that will make the building, the spirit that will spread the idea of the coming of a great World-Teacher far more than the men. That spirit must have a form. No spirit without matter and no matter without spirit. I know some one who to give money so wanted, sold a piece of furniture in order that the movement might not suffer. The spirit in you should be continually on the alert to see what you can do in order to make this movement a world-wide movement. To that spirit you should indeed dedicate yourselves. Let it not be said that a single member did not do a single thing in the cause of the work.

We cannot all be as active as some. But I believe that there is a link between each one of us. What we do He knows even though perhaps we may not be aware of it. From the knowledge of our elders, therefore, whatever you do, remember that He knows, and whatever you do not do, equally remember He knows it, too. It is well that this privilege is given to you. It is only by His permission that you are in His Order, only because He saw that there was work you could do considering the circumstances in which you found yourselves. Members of the Order, I would like to tell you that there is activity in which you can engage however much you may feel fettered. Therefore, I should like to suggest to you that you should each one of you feel that there is something you must give, something definite to be given during the coming year. When you would give your heart to be used in His name, in order to spread peace and happiness and perhaps also to spread the idea of His coming, when you give more or little peace where there has been worry and trouble, then you are making smooth that path which at present seems so rough for us. There is nothing great or small that cannot be done when you dedicate yourself to work for the coming of a great World-Teacher.

(From *Brothers of the Star.*)



### Star Conference in Paris

The March *Herald of the Star* announces a forthcoming Star Conference, to be held in Paris this year. The date for this Conference has now been set for two days, July 27th and 28th, following a four-day Congress of the Theosophical Society, at which its President, Mrs. Besant, will preside. Mr. Krishnamurti expects to preside at the Star Conference.

Madame Blech, the National Representative of the French Section, requests that the names be communicated to her of all members who will attend this Conference. An admission fee of 5 francs is to be charged for the Star Conference. Madame Blech warns us that hotels and living in general in France is expensive. Members who expect to attend the sessions in Paris are requested to notify as soon as possible Madame Zelma Blech, 21 Avenue Montaigne, Paris (VIII), France.

### A Living Truth

When you can tally up with all your standards,  
And meet the estimation of each friend—  
When you can keep the faith on all your pledges,  
And make good every test until the end;

When you are idealized by those around you,  
When you're enshrined in hearts both high and low—  
If you can prove steadfast when rascals sound you,  
And faithfully ring true where'er you go;

When you can do the work that's laid before you,  
And live up to the ethics of the game—  
And never shirk the little tasks that bore you,  
But treat the dull and pleasant just the same;

When you can make your business square with virtue,  
When you can let your vision shape your acts—  
And still maintain your heart when fortune fails you,  
And make your ideals coincide with facts;

When you can be too big for petty meanness,  
When you can rise above a sordid deal—  
And always keep your record white with cleanness,  
And care not what the others think or feel;

When you can take your place beside another,  
That all the scandal-mongers have condemned—  
And you will trust a sister or a brother,  
Whom no one else but you will dare defend;

When you can practice everything you stand for,  
And stake your all on principle and right—  
And you would live and die for truth and honor,  
No matter if alone you made the fight;

The Gods on high will guard you as a treasure,  
The Angel Hosts will rally at your side—  
The great of earth will take you at your measure,  
And everything of worth with you abide.

—H. E. DeVoe.

### What Is Practical Idealism?

A SHORT ANSWER

It is to replace the ugly by the beautiful. To try to be a good man or woman in daily life according to one's conscience. To come to rest and to realization.

To take daily more time to listen to one's conscience until one cannot do otherwise. To try to exercise continual control over one's thoughts and to keep them busy as far as possible with something good and noble. To try to be a support for others in one's neighborhood; not to depend on the good will and power of someone else.

When tempted to a burst of anger, first, count as many numbers as one needs to in order to quiet down—or leave the room. To do what we realize by quiet reasoning as our duty.

To begin every day to think of these ideals before arising, and, if possible, to make a definite plan for the day; to stick to this plan as closely as is possible without hurting others. Not to do more than one really can. To try to divide one's time as well as possible.

To try not to exaggerate. Aspire to truth and take care that it really is as one thinks. To try to live purely.

To be thankful for opposition which saves us from crushing ourselves to pieces. To stand in the battle as a Knight with open visor, but to let the God within us fight, not to fight for any personal or selfish purpose.

To try to attain balance and to search for harmony, and to know that only the peaceful soul-lake can reflect the heavens.

To look back on mistakes as lessons and as work which has to be improved. To face people as if everyone is a lesson from whom something must be learned, and to whom one must make good for something in which one has perhaps been in the wrong. To study the result of this contact with people.

ELIZABETH LEEBRUGGEN.

(From the magazine *Regeneration*.)

### The Poet Finds the Flaw

"What you organize you kill. . . . To do everything by system is to refuse to go outside of that system—in other words, to fetter growth. . . . you have systematized, classified, organized and card-indexed the heart and the life of initiative clean out of the average employee." So quotes this month the *Literary Digest* from H. G. Wells, John Galsworthy and J. B. M. Clark (manufacturer) in an article dealing with the evils of over-organization.

We remember sitting in a spell-bound audience before Ranindranath Tagore some years ago while with gentle voice the great poet ripped to shreds one of the cherished boasts of modern civilization—its genius for organization which it calls efficiency. He likened the modern passion for organizing everything and everybody into red tape automata to a great ravenous iron machine that mangles and crushes all art, soul and intelligence out of its human victims. And a few years later, the thought of the great poet of the East is echoed by poets and writers of the West, even the hard-headed business man finally admitting the justice of the poet's attack on the mammoth idol created by western short-sightedness!

### The Sibyls of To-day

One of the inspiring details of God's plan for the evolution of the human races is the fact that each nation has its great invisible Guardian who knows the possi-



bilities that his nation should develop, who ever guides his nation toward its goal, who continually presses it to sift out its faults and develop its special virtues. Before the inner vision of its patriots, statesmen, rulers, artists, scientists, the Guardian of each nation holds an idea of what the nation is on the way to become. In each nation there arise from time to time poets, orators, painters or other geniuses who are sensitive enough to portray with nice accuracy the ideals which their national Guardian holds looming over the whole country. Through such brains in their moments of inspiration, the voice of the Guardian speaks, pleads, warns or reveals. Brothers of the Star will be wise to seek and study in each country its leaders who may be thus the spokesmen of its Authority. Pause a moment over the songs of Rabindranath Tagore, the stories of Selma Lagerlof, which utter the keynote of nobility in their respective countries. And in America's Angelo Patri hear a voice greater than his booming a patriotism that would remodel America. Note his way of calling forth a great future by the most direct route—the route of children in the schools. Strange observation that our Guardian brought over the ocean a Latin body to our shores finding there a soul sensitive enough to feel his influence!

### The Miracles of Antichrist

BY SELMA LAGERLOF

Publishers, Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

Selma Lagerlof is Sweden's great genius-soul of literature. Whether she turns her pen to the writing of so enchanting a fairy tale as *The Adventures of Nils* or weaves a fanciful romance of Sicily, her ideas fall with equal facility and beauty into music-prose, even when put to the strain of translation. One imagines that in centuries gone, many of the grand Northland sagas, and epics may have owed their origin to the same poet-soul. Star members must be especially interested when this fine mind turns to the theme of the Christ and Antichrist spirit at work in the modern world.

In guise of a quaint Sicilian love story this theme is traced reacting on human temperaments. With many of the author's conclusions we can scarcely agree and some of her arguments seem rather to contradict the point they intended to convey. In regard to Socialism, for instance, she reaches the startling conviction that it is an Antichristianity. At the same time, likening it to Christianity, she pays it strange unintentional compliments. Of it she says: "It loves and renounces, and teaches, and suffers like Christianity, so that it has every resemblance to the latter. . . . And like the false image it says: 'My kingdom is only of this world.'"

"And although the image that has spread abroad the teachings is unnoticed and unknown, the teachings are not; they go through the world to save and remodel it."

Two chapters of great appeal, revealing the author's deep understanding of human psychology are the ones called *Mongibello* and *The Jettatore*. The one deals charmingly with the way to win the heart of a child; the other depicts a woman's battle, inspired by the purest compassion and love, to arouse self-confidence and courage in the jettatore which enable him to cast off the thought that he is afflicted with having an evil eye. Naturally, then, a thread of the story deals with the joy and gratitude of the man when he find himself to be just as harmless as other men are.

"When Antichrist comes, he shall seem as Christ" is

Miss Lagerlof's text of her story, and a false image substituted in a shrine to replace a stolen one represents the power of Antichrist. Yet in the course of the story this false image inspires the heroine to a series of labors of love, deeds of charity and really great achievements. It cures a man reported afflicted with the evil eye, wins pardon for an adulteress and scatters happiness and contentment on its devotees—or perhaps it is really only their own devotion that accomplishes the miracles. But alas! Hidden in the tinsel crown of the statue is the inscription, "My kingdom is only of this world." Hence no votaries of the false image are led to worry about the salvation of their souls or to torture themselves with remorse for their sins. Therefore, down with Antichrist!

### Heartsease

A very beautiful work of kindness came to our attention this month which should interest *Server* readers. It is The Heartsease Circle (Metaphysical) of which Mrs. Martha Dodge Gammons, 44 Vine Street, East Providence, Rhode Island, is President. The primary aim of this Circle is to bring cheer, comfort and aid, both mental and physical, to invalids, though it apparently has stretched out hands of friendliness in other directions as well. Its leaflets are full of cheer and encouragement and must brighten many an otherwise weary hour for the "shut-ins" who receive them. A portion of its membership pledge is as follows:

"We pledge ourselves to give aid and comfort to 'shut-ins,' and those who need cheer, wherever found, regardless of creed or color. To help those who cannot help themselves! We show the light of our hearts in our faces! To carry the heart's own sunny rays of tenderness, and real interest, such as only the heart can bestow, INTO DARKENED LIVES.

"To share with those who need encouragement, our best thoughts, and give any help within our power to those less fortunate than ourselves. To be the doers of God's work and carry Hearts'-ease as a healing balm. . . ."

The Circle appeals for clothing, reading matter, fancy work, etc., to distribute where needed. It seems also to have a system of finding correspondents for shut-ins, as well as carrying out endless schemes of friendliness. This labor of love has been unobtrusively going forward for 31 years. Who knows how many thousand glimpses of heaven it may have opened to burdened souls in those years!

### Miss Smyers Becomes a Suburbanite

Miss Smyers, who for several years, has so ably managed the Star General Office, is about to magnetize a plot of ground on the outskirts of Pasadena. This will be fine for the nature spirits, but it means that the Star office must lose her presence on the first of May, as she will take up work nearer her new home. We shall miss her, but as to the occult eyes of THE SERVER, she appears as the father, or, in other words, the first person of the trinity, in her family of three, we can see that she and her wife and child (!) really need to map out a solar system. (We hope for their sakes it may some day include a dog!) Miss Smyers has made many sacrifices for the Star work and we certainly wish her great success, health and happiness in her new venture. Her successor in the Star office is to be Mrs. Helen Purman, in whose capable hands we know the work will be well entrusted.



### Star Shop Fund

We have been disappointed in not being able to secure a shop this year, but at least, as the appended financial statement shows, we now have a start toward it so that we have something in hand (\$350) in case a suitable location can presently be found. It was impossible in this year of high rents to find any shop space in Los Angeles suitable to our needs and means. We then considered sharing half a shop with a Star member who has an art shop in the Hollywood business district, but an obstinate lease refused to accommodate us there. So, as Miss Smyers, who has previously housed our office belongings, had to move from her apartment, we have taken shelter for the present in the home of a kind member, Mrs. Purman, until we can accumulate sufficient funds and search out some sort of a shop or building suitable to call our headquarters.

### Financial Statement for 1920

#### RECEIPTS

Gifts .....	\$1,374.35
Stars sold .....	212.05
Supplies sold .....	507.41
Herald subscriptions .....	351.75
Server subscriptions .....	131.50
Penny-a-day Fund .....	50.53
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,627.59</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Overhead expense .....	\$ 93.00
Literature and printing .....	463.55
Stars and supplies .....	338.69
Herald subscriptions .....	328.72
Server .....	285.74
Salary .....	780.00
Donation to Canadian Section .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,389.70</b>

#### RECAPITULATION

Balance on hand January 1, 1920 .....	\$ 267.57
Receipts for 1920 .....	2,627.59
	2,895.16
Disbursements for 1920 .....	2,389.70
Balance on hand January 1, 1921 .....	\$ 505.46
Balance in First National Bank, Los Angeles .....	\$ 155.46
Balance in savings account for Star Shop .....	350.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 505.46</b>

COMMENTS: The statement here presented should have been published earlier this year, but was crowded out of preceding issues of THE SERVER. Those interested should compare this statement with the budget proposed in the February, 1920, SERVER. Therein the National Representative appealed for gifts toward a \$2,200 fund, of which \$1,200 was asked to meet the year's actual expenses and \$1,000 to set aside for whatever Shop or Headquarters or Home would seem most fitting when we could find such a place. The annual statement shows, however, that gifts (exclusive of income from sales, etc., which income has always to be used to replenish and handle our stock, hence is not available for shop fund) were \$1,374.35, to which may be added the penny-a-day fund, \$50.53, totaling \$1,424.88, instead of the \$2,200 asked for. As we did not receive the full sum, we were able, after paying the year's necessary expenses, to set aside in a savings bank \$350 for the Shop fund, instead of the \$1,000 which we hoped for.

### Utilize Country Newspapers

We wish more of our members would insert articles, advertisements and notices about the Star, The Herald, our books and beliefs in their home newspapers. Country newspapers, especially, are usually more thoroughly read and have less other news to crowd their pages, hence are more suitable to our purposes than the larger ones. One member has asked permission to have printed in his home paper some of the Star leaflets, which are already familiar to most of us. Permission was, of course, very gladly given for this very good way of spreading our ideas.

### Supplies for Sale

The Faith That Is The Life, recent book by Mr. Jinarajadasa, price postpaid, 60c. Chapters: The Lord of Love, The Giver of Religions, The Wisdom of God. The Heart of the Beautiful, These My Brethren, In Thy Name.

Blotters, prettily printed with poem by C. Jinarajadasa, price, per dozen, 40c. Photographs: Annie Besant, C. W. Leadbeater, C. Jinarajadasa, H. P. Blavatsky, H. S. Olcott, J. Krishnamurti, G. S. Arundale (cabinet size), 50c. Annie Besant (larger size, recent), 75c.

Leaflets, per hundred, 75c.

Silver Star Emblems: Brooches, stickpins, lapel buttons, large and small pendants, each, 75c.

Address all letters to the Order of The Star in the East, Star Court, 1959 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, Calif.

A road to go,  
A friend to know,  
A thought to make you smile;  
A load to bear,  
A song to share—  
Oh, isn't Life worth while!

—Anonymous.